

**Amendments to the Claims**

1-14 (Canceled).

Please add following new claims 15-20.

15. (New) A leash comprising an elongate strap having a first end and a second end, the first end having a collar connector for connection to an animal collar, the second end having a container connector container being constructed from a substantially flexible material and having a substantially triangular shape, and including a strap connector provided at or adjacent to an apex of the triangular shape for connection to the container connector, and the container including a leash handle at an opposite side of the triangular shape substantially opposite the apex, the leash handle being disposed substantially parallel to the opposite side and being adapted to be grasped by the hand of the user, and wherein the leash includes a slideable connector slideably mounted about the strap so as to be capable of moving along the strap, the slideable connector being adapted to engage with the container connector to allow the leash to be attached about a fixed object without the container or handle being attached to the leash.

16. (New) A leash as claimed in claim 15 including a collar having a strap connector adapted to engage the collar connector.

17. (New) A leash as claimed in claim 16 wherein the collar includes a fastening loop for attaching one or more of: a registration tag; an identification tag; a light emitting device.

18. (New) A leash as claimed in claim 17 wherein the collar includes a collar fastening means for fastening the collar about the animal, the fastening means being provided substantially adjacent to the fastening loop.

19. (New) A leash as claimed in claim 17 wherein the collar strap connector is fixedly mounted on the collar in a location substantially opposite the fastening loop.

20. (New) A leash as claimed in claim 18 wherein the collar strap connector is fixedly mounted on the collar in a location substantially opposite the fastening means.